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SUMMARY. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS ISSUED NEW SET OF GUIDELINES FOR STRENGTHENING ANTIHIJACKING MEASURES OF JAPANESE AIRLINES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING HIJACKING OF JAL AIRLINER IN JULY, GOJ FORMED INTERMINISTERIAL PANEL COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTRY TRANSPORT, MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY JUSTICE, MINISTRY FINANCE, AND NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY TO COORDINATE ANTIHIJACKING MEASURES AND PROCEDURES.

2. ON BASIS DELIBERATIONS OF THIS PANEL, PRIMIN'S OFFICE ON AUGUST 29 ISSUED NEW SET OF AVIATION SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR JAPANESE AIRLINES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES. GUIDELINES INCLUDE:

(A) INSTALLATION AT 17 JAPANESE AIRPORTS (ALL AIRPORTS CAPABLE OF HANDLING JET TRAFFIC) OF NEW X-RAY DEVICES AND TUNNEL-TYPE METAL DETECTORS TO CHECK CARRY-ON BAGGAGE AND PASSENGERS BOARDING DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. TARGET DATE FOR INSTALLATION

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OF DEVICES AT HANEDA AND OSAKA IS DECEMBER 1973, AND FOR

OTHER AIRPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT GOJ WILL SUBSIDIZE APPROX 50 PERCENT OF COST OF DEVICES AND ALSO WILL SUBSIDIZE SALARIES OF DEVICE OPERATORS.

(B) CARRY ON BAGGAGE WILL BE OPENED AND BODY SEARCHES CARRIED OUT WHEN DETECTORS INDICATE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS. SINCE JAPANESE LAW DOES NOT AUTHORIZE BODY SEARCHES IT IS EXPECTED THAT "CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE" CONTRACTS BETWEEN AIRLINES AND PASSENGERS WILL BE AMENDED TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.

(C) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1974, FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ISSUE NEW TYPE PASSPORTS WITH HARD-TO-FORGE DESIGN.

(D) FONOFF, MINISTRY TRANSPORT AND MINISTRY JUSTICE WILL DECIDE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION TO PERMIT GOJ ADHERENCE TO MONTREAL CONVENTION. LEGISLATION HOPEFULLY WILL BE READY FOR SUBMISSION TO NEXT DIET SESSION WHICH CONVENES IN DECEMBER.

(E) IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FONOFF AND JAPANESE MISSIONS OVERSEAS.

(F) ESTABLISHMENT OF A "JOINT HEADQUARTERS" OR CONTROL CENTER FOR DEALING WITH THREATS TO AVIATION, WITH JCAB ACTING AS COORDINATOR.

3. FULL TEXT OF DOCUMENT ISSUED BY PRIMIN'S OFFICE FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.
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